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COMPASS

**Using God's Word to Chart The Course
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Service Times

Sunday Bible Study	9 AM
Sunday Worship	10 AM
	6 PM
Wednesday	6 PM

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Ladies Bible Class	
Tuesdays	11AM
Prayer Meeting	
Tuesdays	10 AM
Joyful Generation	
(Youth Devotional & fellowship)	
1st Sunday	7:00 PM

May 28, 2017



ON THE ROAD WITH JESUS 2017 V.B.S.

June 12-16 @ 6:00 pm nightly

Mon. "On the Road to Calvary — the road to Sacrifice"

**Tues. "On the Road to Emmaus — the road to Recognizing the
Resurrected Lord"**

**Wed. "On the Road to Damascus — the road to a
Changed Life"**

Thurs. "On the Road to Jericho — the road of Service"

Fri. PIZZA & AWARDS

**START INVITING YOUR FRIENDS AND
FAMILY!**

"ALL AGES WELCOME"
**There will be adult classes held in the
auditorium.**

PEACE, LOVE, AND HAPPINESS

Barry Kennedy

Helen Keller said of happiness, “Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification but through fidelity to a worthy purpose.”¹ It is hard to imagine anyone not wanting to be happy. That being said, there are many who are continually going through this life consumed with grief and sorrow. Life will always have its share of heartaches. “Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble” (Job 14:1). Yet God’s Word says, “Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice” (Philippians 4:4). How? It starts with understanding true happiness. Jesus said that life does not consist of the abundance of things man possesses (Luke 12:15). When one considers the sum of God’s Word for man, happiness seems to be connected to two other words, i.e. peace and love. It seems to be that peace is a fruit of love, which brings true happiness.

The word peace is often thought of as an absence of war or conflict of any sort. Though that is an accurate definition for peace it does not automatically lead to love or happiness. In fact, many, if not most of us, have never actually been in a physical war, but we have been unhappy from time to time. The Bible talks about a peace that passes all understanding (Philippians 4:7). This is a peace of mind that no matter what our circumstances are in this life, we know that God is with us (Hebrews 13:5). That is what Paul was talking about in the context of this verse. Paul told the Philippian brethren how this rejoicing can be accomplished. Their rejoicing was contingent upon moderation (i.e. mercifulness or tolerance of slight deviations from moral or legal rectitude) knowing that the Lord is at hand (v. 5). They did not have to be “careful” (i.e. anxious) because they could cast their cares upon the Lord (v. 6; cf. 1 Peter 5:7). Then the peace of God would “keep” their hearts (v. 7). Doesn’t that sound like a place of happiness to you?

True peace will not be pursued by anyone who does not have love as their motivation. Paul said, “And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love” (1 Corinthians 13:13 NKJV). The context of Paul’s summation is a very extensive definition of selfless “agape” love. It is a love that suffers long and is kind; doesn't envy; doesn't parade itself; isn't puffed up; behaves right; doesn't seek its own; isn't easily provoked; doesn't think evil; doesn't rejoice in iniquity; bears, believes, hopes, endures all things, and never fails” (1 Corinthians 13:4-8). Just consider what peace could be had among the human race, if everyone loved like this. Peace brought about by this kind of love will leave one no choice but to be genuinely happy.

Jesus the “Prince of peace” (Isaiah 9:6), loves us unconditionally (Romans 5:8; John 13:34; 15:12-13), and wants us to be truly happy (John 10:10). It is hard to imagine anyone not wanting to be happy, but if we are not willing to follow peace (Hebrews 12:14), or love God and our neighbor as ourselves (Matthew 22:37-39), then we have chosen a life without genuine happiness. God help us all to live in peace, love, and happiness.

¹https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/h/helenkelle121539.html?src=t_true_happiness



HOW JESUS USED THE WORD OF GOD TO OVERCOME SATAN

Roger D. Campbell

The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness by the devil is recorded in Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12,13 and Luke 4:1-13. The Bible says that Jesus “was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin” (Heb. 4:15). Let us note Jesus’ attitude towards the word of God, and how He used that word to overcome Satan’s temptations in the wilderness.

1. Jesus accepted the authority of God’s word. When Satan tempted Jesus, His immediate reaction was to say, “It is written” (Matt. 4:4). This shows that He totally accepted the authority of the Scriptures. The Bible is our authority because it came from God: “All scripture is given by inspiration of God” (2 Tim. 3:16). God’s word is the truth (John 17:17).

2. Jesus taught that everything God says is important. He quoted Deuteronomy 8:3, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God” (Matt. 4:4). By which words of Jehovah should man live? By every word that applies to him! We must pay attention to all of God’s will, for only one who does His will can please Him (Matt. 7:21).

3. Jesus used God’s word as his weapon against Satan. When Jesus was tempted by the evil one, He did not try to use psychology, deceit, or some worldly method. Instead, He quoted God’s word, saying, “It is written” (Matt. 4:4,7,10). Who can doubt that using God’s word is a wise thing for us to do as well? The word of God is the sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17). The word of God is “living and powerful” (Heb. 4:12, NKJV), so let us use and quote it when the devil tempts us.

4. Jesus used God’s word when he was alone. Yes, Jesus daily taught God’s word in the temple (Mark 14:49). But, He also used God’s word to overcome Satan when He was tempted alone in the wilderness. Sometimes when we are alone, the devil’s temptation seems very strong. Let us use the word of God against Satan wherever we are, even when we are alone.

5. Jesus continued to use God’s word. Each time Satan tempted Him, He answered, “It is written” (Matt. 4:4,7,10). He began using the word, and continued to use it. Many get into trouble when they begin using the word of God, but then forget about it or turn to the teachings of men.

We must keep on studying, obeying and teaching the word of God. Only God’s word can save us (James 1:21).

6. Jesus easily used the word of God. On each occasion, Jesus’ reaction to temptation was to quote from the Old Testament (the word of God). He could do that only because He knew well what the Scriptures said. As His followers, we must study so that we can also know the Bible well and “be ready always to give an answer to every man” (1 Peter 3:15). David wrote, “Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee” (Psalm 119:11). We also must fill our minds with God’s word, so that when the devil comes to tempt us, we will be ready to answer with the Scriptures! [The main points of this article came from material prepared by the late Franklin Camp.]

